Expansion of Mandaor Hill Rail Line

1824. SHRI JANARADAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval for expension of Mandaor Hill rail line from Mandaor Hill to Rampur via Dumka was accorded during the last five years;

(b) whether approval for laying of new rail line from Deoghar to Dumka, Sultanganj to Deoghar via Banka has also been accorded; and

(c) by when the work for these three rail lines would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Deoghar-Dumka new line is an approved work. However, as far as Deoghar-Sultanganj new line is concerned, the survey has been completed. Further action is under progress.

(c) Work would be started once land is made available by the State Govt. and progressed to completion in the coming years.

B.D.R. Gauge Conversion Project

1825. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board sanctioned Rs. 147 crores for entire Bankura Damodar River Gauge Conversion Project, out of which only Rs. 5 crores was earmarked for the year 1999-2000, and the Railway authorities floated tenders for first 20 kms. from Bankura to Beliatore, but the work order is awaiting clearance from the Ministry;

(b) if so, what is the present status of the Project; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be commenced and completed?